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### **State Division of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Receives Innovation Award** *Division secures alternative funding*

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (Sept. 16, 2010) – The Public Protection Cabinet’s Division of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) is the recipient of the 2010 Innovation in Regulation Award presented annually by the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA).

The NASCLA Innovation in Regulation Award recognizes a state licensing agency for their innovation, creativity and excellence in the regulation of the contracting/construction industry.

This year the Division of HVAC was recognized for its success in acquiring much-needed federal stimulus funds for the implementation of Senate Bill 10, which mandates the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction (DHBC) to establish a statewide permitting and inspection program for heating, ventilation and air conditioning installations in new construction and initial installations within existing structures.

These inspections will ensure that HVAC installations are code compliant. Richard Moloney, commissioner of DHBC, said the new inspections statewide also will promote more energy efficient systems. “We were able to secure federal stimulus funding because Senate Bill 10’s permitting and inspection program is perfectly aligned to achieve greater energy efficiency across the entire state.

“I’d like to commend Tim House, director of the HVAC division, for his discovery that our new program is aligned with the goals of the stimulus funding as it relates to energy consumption,” added Moloney.

With the implementation of Senate Bill 10, consumers will see reductions in improper and unlicensed system installations; enjoy lower utility costs per household;

and experience increased safety resulting from the department's compliance inspections.

The federal stimulus funds will ensure the successful implementation of Senate Bill 10 by Jan. 1, 2011.

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